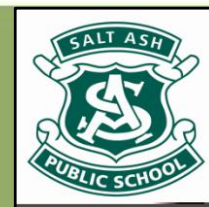


# Salt Ash Public School Newsletter



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Issue 5 - Term 2 - Week 9 and 10

Monday, 18 June 2012

Term 2 Concludes...this term has simply flown by and has been filled with a variety of activities in and outside the school. We would like to thank the students for their hard work this term and for being fine ambassadors for Salt Ash Public School throughout this term. We would also like to thank parents who have supported our school in ANY way this term...we do appreciate and value your support.

Term Three looks to be just as busy as we kick off with our Olympic Focus culminating in our Olympic Day. We are dancing up a storm for Sport and we will have Zone and Regional Athletics on the agenda. We also have Literacy and Numeracy Week and Book Week.

I would like to congratulate the students who represented the school at Starstruck last week. By all accounts a great time was had by all and the students and their parents should be extremely proud of their effort. Congratulations also to Mrs Young for giving of many, many hours to prepare and supervise the team.

I would also like to congratulate our student teachers who have been visiting Salt Ash Public School over the past few weeks. They have enjoyed their stay and especially enjoyed learning a variety of new skills.

This week all students will receive their Semester Reports. Teachers have given Mrs Sheppard the times when they are available for interviews so please contact the office for an interview time. We ask parents to take the opportunity to have an interview....we have very few parents who take this opportunity to discuss their child/children's progress and to discuss any concerns that parents may have.

Have a safe a happy Holiday Break and we look forward to working with you again next term.

**Mrs Sheppard will be taking leave for the first 4 weeks of Term Three. She will be back on deck on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

**Mrs Diemar will be replacing Mrs Sheppard in her absence....**

On the Agenda for next term....we have our Dance Program for all students K-6 taking place on Friday afternoons in our Sports time

**\*\*The school is also employing the services of a speech pathologist to up-skill all staff and to assist our students with communication issues. This is an exciting program and hopefully will lead to increased outcomes for all our students and for staff to develop very important skills that can be used across all classrooms. Please see the attached note.....only respond if you DO NOT wish for your child/children to participate.**

## Premiers Sporting Challenge

The school has officially kicked off our 10 Week Premiers Sporting Challenge. The challenge promotes an active lifestyle and requires students to record the minutes they are involved in physical activity each week. Sports such as soccer, football and cycling all count, as do less obvious activities such as washing the car or mucking out horse stable. Students are being encouraged to be the most active class and hopefully some teachers may get involved and take part as well.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Salt Ash Public School are high achievers when it comes to completing the Challenge.

It involves students in K-2 reading and/or sharing 30 books while students in Years 3-6 read 20.

Last year we had 100% of students complete the Challenge and we expect nothing less this year. Already the following students have met the Challenge:

Nick Fallou-Killick, Montana Latham, Leah Nowlan, Amber-Lee Sloss, Charlie Snodgrass. Huge congratulations for a huge effort!

Rules and booklists can be accessed on <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/>

If your child is reading books other than our Library books at home please write them down and hand to me to be recorded on their on-line record.

Mrs Ruth Higginbottom  
Teacher Librarian

### School Athletics Carnival

All is in hand for our Athletics Carnival to be held TOMORROW at the Tomaree Sports Field. All parents are invited to join us and join in the fun...the parent race has been hotly contested in the last few years !!

Congratulations in advance to Mr Milne for organising the Carnival and congratulations to ALL students for earning valuable house points by participating in as many events as possible. Should we be plagued by inclement weather we have a back-up date of NEXT WEDNESDAY.

**Don't forget to hand to the school office any Coles dockets, Woolworths Stickers and ANY receipts from Salamander Shopping Centre.**

Great Website for parents... lots of tips and ideas for assisting students at home !!  
<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home>

Uniform orders can be made every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 9am for your convenience.

(Please check the Term Calendar for dates)

If you require uniforms please leave your order with money at the office and Mrs Latham will fill the order. **Please note....**As the school year progresses the demands on office staff increase and unfortunately they will no longer be able to help with uniform orders.

### Week 9 Term 2

Tues	19 <sup>th</sup> June	Newsletter Day
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup> June	School Athletics Carnival @ Tomaree
Frid	8 <sup>th</sup> June	Assembly@ 9:00am 5/6 Item

### Week 10 Term 2

Tues	26 <sup>th</sup> June	Uniform Ordering from 9:00am
Fri	29 <sup>th</sup> June	Assembly 9:00 Last Day of Term Mufti Day Red Nose Day

### Notes Home...

**We continue to have an issue with notes which have been sent home. Notes are either lost or misplaced. Replacement for 'misplaced' notes will now cost 20c.**

### Year 1/2 Report

Year 1/2 have really enjoyed having Mrs Heath with us for the past 2 weeks. She has done some very interesting things with us, such as writing descriptions, reading books, interpreting graphs in Maths, rubbings for Visual Arts and singing songs. We think Mrs Heath really enjoys being with us too. We are looking forward to the Athletics Carnival next week. Good luck to everyone! (especially Shortland!)

Awards:

Merit: Johnathan Hurney, Montana Latham.

Values: Memphis Auld, Emily Cupitt, Ben Smart.

Salties: Jorja McCredie, Bailey Toll, Jack Toll.

Sport: Stephanie Fallou-Killick. Happygrams: Aali Gordon, Danny Hards, Johnathan Hurney, Jarcara Bindon-Bates, Jack Mahomet, Elsie Niki, Stephanie Fallou-Killick

Over the past two weeks **Class 2/ 3** have been working extremely hard on narrative writing. They have been reading a lot of books and working as a class to sort out the different parts of the story. They have also been writing alternative endings to some stories, with students coming up with some brilliant ideas – I think we may have some famous authors in the future!

In Maths the focus in Year 2 has been exploring different number patterns and multiplication, as well as addition using various strategies. In Year 3 the focus has been on square and triangle numbers, as well as looking at tenths and decimals.

During Science and Technology students have been learning about 'Living Things.' They have explored information on the computer and also devised a checklist of specific characteristics, which allow them to identify whether or not something is living.

Week 7

Merit Awards: Bella Rooney, Sharni Toll

Values Respect: Arnika McCredie

Saltie Getting Along: Samuel Mahomet

### Stage 3

Well done to the Stage 3 Starstruck representatives. Your presence in class was greatly missed. The rest of Stage 3 have been busy working on procedure as a text type, investigating living things in the environment, discussing impacts on safe-living and are close to the point where they are confident to attempt all mathematical concepts. Looking forward to receiving assessment data as the term end draws near and assisting students nominate some goals for next semester.

Salty/Values- Dylan Nixon; Jayb Smith

Merit- Matthew Tyszyk; Georgia Cromarty

Sports - Georgia Cromarty; Bradley Arnold-Crooks